

REMARKS

1. In response to the final Office Action mailed August 17, 2010, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12, 15-17, 19, 21, 22, 24-28 and 30 were last presented for examination. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-6, 8-10, 12, 15-17, 21, 24-28 and 30 were allowed, and claims 19 and 22 were rejected. By the foregoing Amendments, claims 1, 9 and 24 have been amended, and claims 19 and 22 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1-6, 8-10, 12, 15-17, 21, 24-28 and 30 will be pending in this application. Of these twenty (20) claims, three (3) claims (claims 1, 21 and 24) are independent.

2. Based upon the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that all outstanding objections and rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-6, 8-10, 12, 15-17, 21, 24-28 and 30 are allowed. Applicant has amended claims 1, 9 and 24 to correct minor informalities therein. Applicant submits that these amendments do not present new matter or raise new issues. As noted below, Applicant has also cancelled rejected claims 19 and 22. Accordingly, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

4. Claims 19 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,322,585 to Liautaud in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,280,256 to de Jong. Applicant has cancelled claims 19 and 22, thereby rendering these rejections moot.

5. Applicant does not acquiesce to the grounds of rejection set forth in the Office Action with regard to claims 19 and 22, but have cancelled claims 19 and 22 in order to facilitate allowance of this application.

CONCLUSION

6. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

7. Applicant makes no admissions by not addressing any outstanding rejections or bases of rejections. Furthermore, Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claims or other subject matter disclosed in this application in a continuation or divisional application. Thus, cancellations of and amendments to the above claims, are not to be construed as an admission regarding the patentability of any claims.

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